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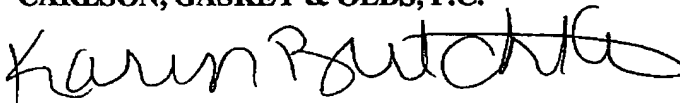
The Examiner objected to claims 11 and 12, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claim 11 and intervening claims 4-7 and 11.

Claims 1-12, 26, 27, 31 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Number 2002/0074809 to Fisher, in view of U.S. Patent Number 5,884,827 to Stein. Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claims 4-7 and 11, which the Examiner indicated was allowable.

Thus, claims -3, 8, 9, 12 and 23-32 are in condition for allowance. No additional fees are seen to be required. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment. Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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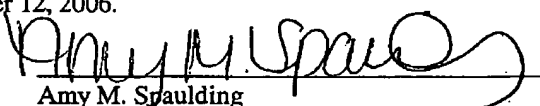


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